

Ten Killed as Mexico Bandits Seize \$67,000

15 Outlaws Open Fire From Ambush on 8 Men Conveying Agwi Oil Payroll to Fields Near Tampico

Two Robbers Die in Fight

Soldiers Pursue Raiders After Deadly Affair of Kind in Region's History

HOUSTON, Tex., April 28.—In the bloodiest payroll hold-up in the history of the oil fields of Mexico, a band of fifteen Mexican bandits held up officials of the Agwi Oil Company, a British concern, and obtained 135,000 pesos (normally \$67,000) in Mexican gold near Tampico, April 21, according to delayed advices reaching Houston. Ten persons were killed, including two bandits, in the fighting that accompanied the hold-up.

Information of the robbery was received to-day by mail by The Houston Chronicle from its correspondent at Tampico.

The money had been taken from the vaults of the company at Tampico on the morning of the hold-up and transferred to an automobile across the Panuco River for transporting to the southern fields. The money was in charge of Salvador Davalos, assistant paymaster of the Agwi Company, and his brother, Trinidad. Six Mexican soldiers accompanied the paymaster.

At a point three kilometers from "Old Town" Tampico the party encountered a wagon blocking the road. While the obstruction was being removed the bandits opened fire from ambush.

Trinidad Davalos, five soldiers, two chauffeurs and two bandits were killed in the engagement, while Paymaster Davalos, one soldier and two bandits were wounded.

The bandits escaped to the nearby hills with the pay roll.

Two companies of soldiers under command of General Pedro L. Vasquez were sent in pursuit.

Agwi is the trade term for Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies.

Four of the ten persons slain were Mexicans employed by the Agwi Oil Company, officials stated here late yesterday.

It was said only meager details had been received here, but the men in charge of the payroll were attacked at a point three miles from Tampico while on their way to the oil fields. The hold-up was promptly reported to the Mexican authorities.

Hartford Time 'Revolt' Gets Pocketbook Blow

Legislature Now Threatens to Hold Up Funds of All Cities With Clocks Set Ahead

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
HARTFORD, Conn., April 28.—The clocks in the State House marked 12:37 and most of the other clocks in the city 1:37 when the General Assembly took up consideration to-day of the proper punishment to be meted out to Hartford and other cities which have denied the Legislature and set their clocks an hour ahead.

To the consternation of the daylight-savers, the Assembly, in its original intention of suspending the charter of the city and now is contemplating an embargo on funds.

Representative Adrian R. Wadsworth, author of the resolution to suspend Hartford's charter, offered as a substitute a bill providing that no community shall be entitled to state money if its clocks do not keep Standard Time, and that appropriations shall be withheld from schools which are not operated on the same basis.

Representative John Dunn Jr., leader of the daylight-savers, introduced a temporary check to the bill by taking the stand that a bill could not be substituted for a resolution, but the Assembly promptly voted down the resolution and gave the necessary two-thirds vote which will send the bill to the printer. It probably will come before the House Tuesday.

Sluggers Paid by Union To Cripple Men, One Says

"Got" Victims Who Had Defied Organization by Working During Chicago Strike

CHICAGO, April 28.—Details of an alleged system of slugging, through which it is charged officials of the Up-holders' Union forced workers to obey their orders, were related to-day by Sam Fisher, self-styled slugger, at the trial of fourteen members of the union for acts of violence during the strike from August, 1919, to April, 1920.

Fisher, who during the two previous days of his testimony gave a list of prices which he said were paid sluggers

by the union, to-day declared that he had been ordered to cripple men who refused to obey orders so that they could not work.

"I remember one non-union man another fellow and myself were ordered to slug," he said. "We hit him on the head with a blackjack—you could hear his skull pop half a block away. Then my companion kicked him until there was no chance he would be able to work."

"Frequently we were ordered to put a man out of business. We would beat him up and then crack his knuckles with an iron rod, so that he couldn't work."

"Edwin E. Graves, international president of the union, told me one day to get a certain man and to 'get him right.' We cracked him on the head with an iron rod, so that he couldn't work."

"Don't worry about that," said Graves, "all you have to worry about is your money; here it is."

Graves is one of the men on trial.

House Passes Navy Bill for 396 Millions

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action. This, too, was lost on a point of order.

Would Merely Give Authority

Obtaining recognition, Representative James F. Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina, declared the only reason set out in objection to the disarmament amendments was "that they might embarrass the President." He said the President now has not the authority necessary to initiate such a movement and that "by merely giving him the authority at this time, and not directing him, he would be placed in a position to take up the opportunity which may present itself to-morrow or within the next few weeks or months."

Representative Mendell replied he was willing to leave the matter to the judgment of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, "confident that they would keep in touch with changing conditions."

This statement caused Representative Henry D. Flood, of Virginia, to change the title of the bill to "The Committee on Foreign Affairs is called" to consider that very proposition last Monday and action was postponed for some reason unknown to any but the majority side.

"This action," he added, "seems to give us rather dim hope."

Only two amendments of importance were added to the bill. One of these, offered by Representative Marvin Jones, Democrat of Texas, provides that the appropriation shall be expended only on vessels now under construction.

The other, offered by Representative A. E. B. Stephens, Republican, of Ohio, prevents the expenditure of any money carried in the bill for buildings or shore stations unless specifically authorized.

That Is Why Kew Gardens Girl, Ambitious To Be Detective, Must Face Judge

A slim youth sauntered along Queens Boulevard near Hillside Avenue, in Jamaica, yesterday and nervously fingered the pages of a paper-backed detective thriller in a coat pocket. A pedestrian passed him and then hurried to Patrolman McLaughlin, who was standing nearby.

"That kid is mighty slim for a boy," the citizen observed, "and he don't carry himself like he should."

One look at the "kid" satisfied McLaughlin and he asked the youth to walk to the police station with him. He agreed readily and insisted he was a boy, until a search of his pockets brought forth the novel and a package of cigarettes.

Then "he" broke down and confessed she was a girl. She is Margaret Lyons, fourteen years old, who had been living with Mrs. S. Hopkins Hadley, in Mowbray Place, Kew Gardens. She said she had always wanted to be a boy and become a famous detective. Her hair had been closely bobbed and the suit she wore was Mr. Hadley's. She will be arraigned in Queens County Children's Court to-day.

Wanted To Be a Boy, So She Tried It for a Day

Aircraft on Hand

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Officers and marines were drawn up at attention when the President set foot on the deck. As he did so another round of twenty-one guns, the Pennsylvania broke forth the President's flag from the mast and the band played the national anthem. The brilliant uniforms of the officers against the dark blue of the crew lined against the rail made a striking picture.

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Harding Tells Navy U. S. Will Have Its Due

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was next to the Mayflower, and nearby a naval tug carrying newspaper men.

Early in the morning gusts of rain fell and the sky was overcast. It brightened a bit as the basket masts and giant hulk of the Pennsylvania were discerned through the haze at 8:30. The flagship winked heliograph signals to the Mayflower while still several miles away, but it was not until 9 o'clock that the flagship came abreast of the Mayflower.

Superb Spectacle

The spectators could view the mighty armada of battleships stretching in a column as far as the eye could see. On they came, superb in their majestic lines and evidences of power. The column curved a bit following in the wake of the flagship and it afforded an opportunity to view each huge dreadnought outlined against the sky.

As the capital ships came nearer the sharp, trim lines of the destroyers following could be seen. The submarines were not recognizable until they were comparatively close.

On board the Pennsylvania was Admiral Wilson and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt returned with the fleet from Guantanamo.

Watchers on the Mayflower could see, as the Pennsylvania drew near, her crew manning the rail, each man spick and span. The flagship's three-inch guns boomed a salute of twenty-one guns in honor of the Commander in Chief. The band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," the drums sounded four ruffles and every man jack on the Admiral's ship snapped to attention. The President raised his hat as the floating fortress steamed by, and Admiral Wilson saluted the President.

Meanwhile the Mayflower's guns fired seventeen times in a salute to the Admiral.

The review was on, and in quick succession came the super-dreadnoughts Utah, Florida, North Dakota, Delaware, Arizona, Oklahoma, Nevada, Connecticut, Michigan and South Carolina. Each one sounded the national anthem and roared the salute of twenty-one guns, as the ship passed the Mayflower. The Mayflower did not reply after the first salute of seventeen guns.

The old Michigan and South Carolina, which were the first of the dreadnought type to be built in 1910, faded in comparison with their more recent and more powerful sister ships. The Connecticut, in her day the flagship of the fleet, looked every inch as business-like as the larger-calibered ships.

Promptness characterized the visit of the Presidential party to the flagship. No sooner had the fleet reformed after the review than the blue jackets from the Pennsylvania wigwagged the Mayflower that the President might come at his convenience.

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Wood Assures Japan U. S. Is Still an Ally

America Is Doing All in Its Power to Keep Friendly Sentiment Alive, He Says at Dinner in Yokohama

YOKOHAMA, April 28 (By The Associated Press).—The United States government is doing everything it can to keep alive the spirit of friendliness with the Allies, of which Japan is one, Major General Leonard Wood, who arrived here from the United States Tuesday evening on the steamship Wenatchee on his way to the Philippines, told a gathering of several hundred Americans of Tokio and Yokohama who gave a dinner in his honor.

"We want to keep up our good relations with those by whose side we fought," General Wood declared.

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'Coal Curfew' for England As Miners Reject Offer

Government Moves to Maintain Essential Service and Conserve Light and Heat

LONDON, April 28 (By The Associated Press).—The Cabinet held a special emergency meeting late to-day evening to consider measures for the maintenance of essential services in connection with the coal strike. Among the new orders, according to The Daily Mail, is the establishment of a curfew compelling lighting and heating companies to withdraw supplies at a fixed hour each night.

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LONDON, April 28.—The negotiations between the coal miners and representatives of the government for settlement of the miners' strike were broken off this afternoon when the miners rejected the offer of a \$40,000,000 grant to the mining industry, made by Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to enable the pit owners to readjust wages gradually.

The grant was offered on the condition that no wage cuts of more than 3 shillings a shift be made in May, June and the balance of the sum to go toward alleviating the severity of the reductions made in July and August.

Sir Robert reiterated the government's refusal to consider a national pool of profits. The miners, saying that the government's offer did not meet the situation, rejected it and terminated the conference. They are returning to the coal fields to report again to the rank and file of the union. It is reported that their decision to reject the government's offer was by a small majority.

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